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## Crooks And Yankee Second And Third In Letter Contest

Miss Helen Crooks of Meridian has been named as winner of the second prize in the "Why I Like My Pastor" Letter contest.

Miss Crooks, a reporter on the Meridian Star, is an active member of the First Baptist Church. She is superintendent of an adult department and is faithful in her church attendance. An active civic



leader, in 1952 she was chosen as the "Woman of the Year" in Meridian. Miss Crooks holds a lifetime pass to the famous Weidman's Cafe. When people in Meri-



dian want something done, they turn to "Miss Helen." Her pastor is Dr. Walter L. Moore.

The third prize has been awarded to Mrs. W. H. Yankee who is a member of the Holly Bluff Church. As her pastor writes: "To know her is to love her."

Mrs. Yankee is 78 and an invalid, confined to a wheel chair, but in

The five other winners in the "Why I Like My Pastor" letter contest will be announced in the next issue of the Baptist Record.

## Another Powerful Legislator Assails Liquor Sales By Army

Representative Paul W. Shafer (R-Mich.), powerful member of the House Committee on the armed services, has assailed the new Pentagon administrative ruling that allows liquor legally to be sold at army posts as "unnecessary, unwise and unfair." He declared that he will join with Representative W. Sterling Cole (R-N. Y.) and a "growing number" of other legislators to force the Department of Defense to negate the order.

Terming the order a "bureaucratic blunder," Mr. Shafer said

that recent press reports "confirm that what should have been expected from the new policy is actually happening." He said that at some camps in Michigan, soldiers are buying the tax-free liquor at the camps, keeping some to drink, and selling the other to retailers near the camp.

"This, of course, is an intolerable situation," he declared. "It can be corrected only by revocation of the foolish Pentagon order. There is evidence of a strong determination in Congress to force such corrective steps."

## Preachers Refresher Course Set for Jackson's First Church Feb. 21-28

A well diversified refresher course for preachers will be offered to all Mississippi Baptist Pastors free of charge by the First Church, Jackson, the week of February 21-28, it is announced this week by the pastor, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins.

Three outstanding scholars and preachers will compose the faculty, and the equivalent of a six-weeks' Seminary course will be offered in the intensive work of the week. Seminars will be held from 9:00 a. m. until noon; and from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. Lectures and addresses will be given each evening beginning at 7:00 o'clock. The public is invited to the evening session.

Guest teachers for the week will be: Dr. S. L. Stealey, President of Southeastern Seminary, Wake

Forest, N. C.; Dr. Wayne Oates, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky; and Dr. Carlyle Marney, Pastor, First Church, Austin, Texas.

Dr. Stealey will direct Seminary work in Church History and Doctrine; Dr. Oates will hold Seminars on Christian Psychology and Pastoral Counseling; and Dr. Marney will direct work in New Testament exegesis and sermon preparation. Each afternoon Dr. Oates will be available for individual conferences with pastors needing assistance in the field of pastoral counseling. Dr. Stealey and Dr. Marney will speak each evening.

All pastors in the state are invited to this week's Seminar. The First Church will not be able to furnish rooms or meals, but is making the week possible as a

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## CONVENTION BOARD RE-ELECTS DAVIS, PERRY AND SANSING

NEW EXEC. COM.: Hudson, Day, Smith, Metts

### Home Board Adopts Record Budget

Atlanta, Georgia The largest budget in the history of the Baptist Home Mission Board of \$1,970,000 was adopted at the annual Board meeting

W. A. Duncan, Pastor, First Baptist church, East Point Georgia, was elected president of the Home Mission Board. He succeeds G. Frank Garrison who has served for nine years. C. G. Cole, Atlanta, and Dr. J. Ralph Grant, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas were elected vice-presidents Mrs. Ralph B. Smith, Decatur, Georgia, was elected recording secretary.

G. Frank Garrison was elected assistant executive secretary, severing full connections with business to give full-time service.

The Board confirmed appointments and made appropriations for the salaries for 1392 missionaries and workers for a varied mission program which includes work in 37 states, Alaska, Panama Canal Zone and Cuba. This is an increase of 115 missionaries over last year

Leaders elected to head the following phases of work were Dr. Courts Redford as executive secretary; G. Frank Garrison, assistant executive secretary in charge of church building and loan; Curtis

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The State Convention Board, in significant action Monday afternoon, adopted percentages for the \$1,500,000 Cooperative Program budget, adopted an enlarged State Mission budget, made various other allocations, elected officers and an executive committee and took a forward step in temperance promotion.

Officers elected were: Resident, Rev. J. R. Davis, New Albany, re-elected; vice-president, Marion W. Perry, Philadelphia re-elected; recording secretary, Rev. Gordon Sansing, Jackson, re-elected; assistant recording secretary, Rev. Van Hardin, Lucedale; and executive secretary-treasurer, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson.

Elected to the executive committee were the officers in addition to the following: Rev. James Fairchild, Louisville; re-elected; Rev. Joe Hudson, Monticello; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Rev. M. Glen Smith, Corinth and J. Wesley Miller, Rolling Fork.

The Cooperative Program budget, \$300,000 more than past year's, was set up in five divisions instead of three as formerly.

Division One, known as the initial appropriation, was set at \$173,022, and included: Administration, promotion, evangelism, \$80,792; retirement plans, \$45,000; W. M. N. administration \$37,230 and Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, \$10,000.

Division Two, State causes, 56 per cent of distributable funds, or \$592,337.90, will include: Christian Education; 26% per cent; State Missions, 19 per cent; Baptist Orphanage, 3 per cent; Ministerial Education, 2 1/2 per cent; Mississippi Baptist Hospital, 2 1/2 per cent; and Mississippi Baptist Foundation 1 1/4 per cent.

Division Three, Southern Baptist Convention causes, 45 per cent of distributable funds or \$484,640.00 to be divided among foreign and home missions, and other causes.

Divisions One, Two and Three will be operative up to \$1,250.

Division Four, from \$1,250,000 to \$1,400,000 or a total of \$150,000 will go for capital needs of state institutions as follows:

Mississippi College, Clinton, \$30,000; Clarke College, Newton, \$40,000; Blue Mountain College, \$30,000; Woman's College, Hattiesburg, \$20,000; and Mississippi Baptist Hospital \$30,000.

Division Five, from \$1,400,000 to \$1,500,000 will go 66 2-3 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention causes and 33 1-3 per cent for endowment of the four colleges with exception of last \$1,000 to

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## NEW OFFICERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD



Shown above are the new officers of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, elected at the Board meeting on Dec. 7. They are, seated, left to right: President, Rev. J. R. Davis, New Albany; Vice-President, Marion W. Perry, Philadelphia; Recording Secretary, Rev. Gordon Sansing, Jackson; Assistant Recording Secretary, Rev. Van Hardin, Lucedale. Standing, left to right, the Executive Committee in addition to the officers above are: Rev. James Fairchild, Louisville; Rev. Joe Hudson, Monticello; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Rev. M. Glen Smith, Corinth; and Rev. J. Wesley Miller, Rolling Fork.



## Crooks And Yankie

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spite of this she is able to do many household tasks. She is a charter member of the Holly Bluff Church which was organized in 1914. Her husband and son are deacons in the church and two daughters are active in the church work. Her pastor is Rev. Mack Bomer.

Both articles follow:

By MISS HELEN CROOKS

My pastor helps the individual members, as well as the church as a whole, to have confidence and faith in the future. Mine is a small, rural church—yet he conducts his Lord's business as a sacred charge, not as a stepping stone to a larger more lucrative pastorate. To know him is to know a man with nobility of mind and purpose. No menial task is too lowly to perform in his Lord's service. His physical self and material possessions, as well as his spirit, are dedicated to furthering his Master's cause. His ministry is not limited to his church alone, but spills over into the lives of others not of our race or faith—proclaiming to all the might and goodness of God!

Under my pastor's ministry, it has been beautiful to watch people who once appeared to be church members only, blossom into the full flower of Christianity. His step by step determination and perseverance has resulted in the erection of an adequate educational building and the establishment of a Training Union. Many young people and quite a few older ones, have accepted Christ as their Saviour under his ministry. I am quite sure that ours was the only two-week V.B.S. in our entire county Association. It was a familiar and most encouraging sight to see day after day for two whole weeks, his car packed chock full of happy V.B.S. youngsters.

That my pastor is missionary conscious is putting it mildly. He is taking an active part in trying to secure a missionary for our county. He is most cooperative with the other pastors and churches of our Association. From time to time, he brings a state Associational officers or worker to our church, thereby giving us glimpses of an over-all, ever broader picture of Christian efforts.

Now, for the last, let me say that my pastor has the courage of his convictions. He understands, but does not compromise with, or condone, our errors in Christian living. He lives what he preaches, which gives confidences and hope.

BY MRS. W. H. YANKIE

I want to tell you why I like my pastor; because it is an opportunity to say what I really feel. I am a shut-in confined to a wheel chair, and do not often get to attend church.

I like my pastor because he never lets me feel left out or unimportant. I like him because he is a sincere Christian and is faithful and hard working at his task.

I like him because he studies and keeps up with the entire program, and tries to lead the church



Shown above is a picture of the State Convention Board in session on Monday in the Baptist Building. Under discussion at the moment was the New Board Policy, which was adopted.

## PAYNES TO CONSTRUCT \$10,000 ANNEX

Paynes Church voted on Dec. 6, to build a \$10,000 Sunday School annex. The two-story annex will provide rest rooms, kitchen and eight Sunday school classrooms.

The program was launched Sunday and \$2400 was raised in the same service. Construction will begin immediately.

Rev. Grady Wilkes is the pastor.

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The Baptist Record appreciates the nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Enon Church in Clay County. The list was sent by Deacon J. W. Cothran.

to become stronger and of more service in this community.

I like my pastor because he is always interested, always progressive; and because he truly believes that the work of the church is the greatest cause in the world, and because he inspires others to adopt this ideal.

I like my pastor because he pastors a whole community regardless of race or station in life. No place is too far distant, no person too high, too lowly, or too down-and-out for his ministry.

I like him because he neither favors power groups of clan or clique within the church, but maintains a dignity of firm but humble leadership to keep a unity of spirit, and mutual appreciation for one another in the body of the church.

I like him because he "is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ" and takes it to the street corners, and to the by-roads to those who will not come to church.

I like him because he hastens to the sick and shut-ins with comfort and good cheer.

I like him because he brings the church to those who would, and cannot attend church. He brings the church by recordings, bulletin, by telephone and visitation.

I like my pastor almost best because, in spite of hardships and discouragements he is always cheerful, and never complaining (as many church members do); and because he believes in prayer, and sheds his I do most sincerely like my pastor!

## Preachers Refresher

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contribution to the pastors of the state.

"Most of us never have a chance to get away from our work to take a refresher course in one of our Seminaries", Dr. Hudgins said, "but we desperately need to keep up our study. We all go stale, at times and the coming of these men will mean more than we can measure if the brethren will take advantage of the opportunity. We have provided the men and the courses. All we want is for the pastors to come."

Dr. Hudgins also expressed the hope that scores will drive in for each day. Those who can plan to remain for the week are urged to make their room reservations at once. No limit is placed on the number to attend.

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## Convention Board

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go to building of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

A state mission budget, including 27 items, of \$233,680 was adopted, as compared with a budget of \$214,424 the past year.

The board increased its allocation to the United Dry Organization from \$7,500 to \$10,000 with the agreement that the personnel of the organization will be increased for the purpose of accelerating its education and legislative promotion.

The Board adopted a new policy which calls for an additional meeting each year, to be held in September for the purpose of making recommendations to the convention which meets annually in November.

Editor's Note: More details of the board meeting will appear in next week's issue.

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A nice list of new and renewal subscriptions was recently received from the Harmony Church in Pearl River County. The list was sent by Walter T. Warren

## Home Board Adopts

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L. Johnston, Office Secretary; B. M. Crain, Business Manager; Carlton Binns, Attorney; L. O. Griffith, Director of Promotion; Alfred Carpenter, Director of Chaplin's Commission; John Caylor, editor, Southern Baptist Home Missions; L. W. Martin, secretary of missionary education; Frank Halbeck, department of Jewish Evangelism, Loyd Corder, secretary, Direct Missions, which includes language groups; S. F. Dowis, secretary of Corder, secretary, Direct Missions, which includes language mountain, rural and city mission programs, ministry to members in the military, and a program with juvenile delinquents; C. E. Matthews, secretary of evangelism; gro work; and J. B. Lawrence,

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## VAN W. COCHRAN IS ORDAINED TO MINISTRY

Van W. Cochran was ordained to the full Gospel ministry, November 24th at Bouie Street church Hattiesburg. Two other members, James E. Wilson and Douglas W. Rouse, were ordained as deacons of the church at the service.

The Rev. M. Cochran was licensed to preach April 1, 1951 by Bouie Street church. His wife is the former Ruby Bagwell.

He attended Mississippi Southern and plans to enroll at Mississippi Woman's College. He will assume his duties as associate pastor of the Bouie Street church December 1. Rev. J. H. Cothen is pastor.

The ordained council was composed of the following: Rev. J.H. erator; Rev. Garland McInnis, city pastor who gave the ordination prayer Rev. I. M. Prince, pastor of Temple church, who gave the charge and presented the Bible, and Rev. J. A. Cothen, pastor of Temple church in ePtal, who delivered the ordination message.

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## Near The Baptist Hour

Rev. Charles Wellborn will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour broadcast on Dec. 13. The program will be broadcast by 350 stations.

Mississippi stations carrying the program include:

WDOB, Canton, 5 p. m.; WGLC, Centerville; WCLD, Cleveland, 5 p. m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p. m.; WJPR, Greenville 6 p. m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p. m.; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 p. m.; WAPF, McComb, 9 a. m.; WCOC, Meridian, 4 p. m.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 a. m.; WPMP, Pascagoula, 4:30 p. m.; WRJW, Picayune, 1:00 p. m.

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## Christmas And The Good News

(Note: Our long time friend and beloved teacher of the Bible during our college days, who is now in his eighties, is the author of this excellent editorial. We gladly pass it on to our readers.)

(For several years I have been sending out a Christmas pamphlet in which I have been trying to interpret the Incarnation for our day as I see this all-important matter. Circumstances do not permit me to have my word put into leaflet form this year. I am, however, writing three articles on the same theme and with the same purpose in the hope that the papers to which they are sent can see their way to publish them.)

People generally understand of course that the word "gospel" means "good news." A popular gospel song of some years ago said, "Tell me the old, old story." The word "old" as used here means that the gospel story has been tried through the ages and found to be thoroughly trustworthy and satisfying. In this sense, the word "old" is of course a most worthy one and one that is in complete harmony with the facts of long, repeated and well-tried experience.

There is another sense, however, in which the story of the gospel is perpetually and eternally new. I mean to say that it is a love story, and that love is always new and grows more so with age. It is fresher and even more meaningful with the passing years. This is true in the case of love between a man and a woman, and the love between parent and child. When responded to by with and personal surrender, it is infinitely more so in case of a personal human soul and its father Creator.

This must be what the sainted Augustine had in mind when he cried out in his Confessions, "O God, thou has made us for thyself, and our souls are restless until they find rest in thee." The essential Christmas story announces an indescribable climax in the approach of God to man, a love story whose depth, whose height, whose fulness, whose richness, whose power, and whose glory can never be known or expressed. The person in whose soul this story comes to be stale, dry and mere sing-song should never try to tell it to another. Such a soul should stand before Rafael's Sistine Madonna and meditate upon its lovely and loving significance until his soul is quickened and made to thrill with joy at what is here announced.

The curtain between the spirit world and the material world is unfolded, the Virgin is entering

our world bearing the Son of God upon her arms; the Pope, the Saint, the cherubs and the angels are giving response as best they can with a wonder and an amazement that no tongue can tell nor any pen describe. The same type of response is given by the angelic song which shouts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace among men in whom I am well pleased."

The aged Simeon takes the babe into his arms and cries, "And now lettest thou thy servant depart, O Lord, according to thy word in peace, for mine eyes have seen the salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of thy people Israel." (Luke 2:29-32) A turning point in the history of the universe had come. Henceforth and forever after this God's operation with men will be divided into two sections—B. C. and A. D.

On a recent Sunday evening in the First Baptist Church of Spring Hope, I heard Dr. Blackmore make the observation that only one Christmas carol had been given us in English, and that it was written by the Saintly Isaac Watts:

"Joy to the world; the Lord is come;

Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room  
And heaven and nature sing."

"Joy to the earth the Saviour reigns;

Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills  
and plains,



## STATE BAPTIST PAPERS COVER THE NATION

Repeat the sounding joy

"No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow

Far as the curse is found.

"He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love."

—W. R. Cullom.

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## Many Kinds Of Wealth

Not many people, including many intelligent churchmen of all faiths, seem to realize it, but Jesus was a great teacher of economics. If modern parents were to follow His teachings, in training their children, many of the ills of this society would disappear like snow beneath a hot sun.

Jesus taught that there are many kinds of wealth. There is a wealth of experience. There is a wealth that comes with a contented mind. There is a wealth that comes from physical health and beauty. There is a wealth that comes from having character. We know, too, that there is a wealth of influence that comes to a man who masters his field, whatever it may be, just as there is a wealth that comes from controlling a great industry, although the man who controls it may have no ownership of it, as frequently is the case. Yet, we live in a society in which millions of persons, including thousands of supposedly-intelligent bankers, recognize only one kind of wealth—paper cur-

rency.

Dollar bills are not good to eat and they will not, by themselves, protect you from the weather, or give you shelter. If people could just learn—and make it a part of their daily living—the intrinsic truth of the message Jesus brought about wealth, psychiatrists would have to get busy and do something constructive for a living, such as laying bricks, or building roads.

## Our Readers Write

### OFFICERS COMMENDED

Dear Sir:

Much has been said and a great deal less done about the "Liquor conditions in our state" to which I will add my continued help and support along with this statement.

The same question has been in our county as is in our state, both legal as well as illegal and "bootleg," but when faithful preachers and laymen do as good a job respectively as ours did we need not be over-anxious. We have been able to teach and preach God's word and intentions which have exemplified themselves in the kind of results that we got in elections and in officers' conduct after election.

We were wonderfully blessed in our sheriff this last election. Mr. J. J. Elmore is our sheriff. Our association went on record "that the DeSoto County Baptist Association commend our sheriff and all his law enforcement officers, for his good work in enforcing the law, and we further encourage him to continue his noble efforts." I want to be sure that every one knows that our highway patrolmen, Patrolman John Spencer and Patrolman Harold Kidd, are included in this notation because they are in with our sheriff and aid him greatly.

We get much encouragement from Mr. Henry Edmonds in Jackson, our state leader against liquor in all forms, and I am glad to report that our officers are one hundred per cent behind him and his work.

If he gets support everywhere as he has here in this administration, he will accomplish much.

How did we do it?

First, we elected a man who believes in upholding the law.

Second, we Christians supported him then and still support him with our efforts and friendship.

Third, we made friends with all our officers and withheld criticism when it availed to no good end.

Finally, we all had a conviction instead of an opinion about matters: "Whatsoever a man thinketh in his heart . . ."

Thanks for your good works also.

HAROLD C. CLOWER,  
Pastor, Eudora Baptist Church.

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## Woman's Missionary Union

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### ROYAL AMBASSADORS

Those who attended the state convention likely noticed the Royal Ambassadors who served as ushers and pages. Many have commented on their service and have inquired about them. Perhaps you wondered about them. At the Brotherhood Rally 16 served as ushers. From the William Lowry Cooper Chapter, First Church, Jackson were Lee McIlwan (State Ambassador-in-chief), Carl Butler, Bill Mixon, Louis McCraw (State First Assistant Ambassador in-chief), Robert Diamond, and Louis Wilson. Charles Holliday is Chief Counselor of the Chapter.

The Brandon Chapter, Brandon Baptist Church, was represented by: Bob Cox, Tommy Kennedy, Marvin Smith, Charles Wynn, Geo. Dale Stockstill and Jimmy Sharp. Their counselor is Ray Ponder.

From the Roger Williams Chapter of First Church Natchez were: Ben Thomas, Audley Case, Frank Easterwood, Johnny Jackson. The counselor is L. G. Rogers.

From Bethesda Church, Terry, William Carey Chapter, as Jogene Hand, Mrs. C. S. Bridges is counselor, from First Baptist Church, Pascagoula, was Gene Berry of the Jim Clark Chapter, led by J. D. Lovelace.

Gene Berry and Jogene Hand served throughout the Convention as chief pages, assisted by Louis McCraw, Bill Mixon, and Louis Wilson.

One of the great helps to better Royal Ambassador work is the Royal Ambassador Committee. The promoting organization may nominate persons for this committee and the church should have the opportunity of electing those who are to serve. Ivyloy Bishop, former Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Secretary, suggests some organization and functions of the committee. Free copies of this information as printed may be secured from your state Royal Ambassador office.

#### A. A Royal Ambassador Committee for your church will:

1. Insure a better quality of work from your Royal Ambassadors.
2. Interest men in your Royal Ambassador program.
3. Provide men helpers for Initiation Service.
4. Enlist counselors for additional chapters.
5. Provide a committee as a connecting link between the chapter and the promoting organization



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6. Insure a sustained leadership with no break between counselors.

#### B. Who should be on the Committee?

The Royal Ambassador Committee should be made up of members of your church, maybe fathers of Royal Ambassadors, the pastor, young people's director, deacons, and other interested men and women. This is a chance to get the best men in your church to help with your Royal Ambassador program. Some of these men may feel they are too busy to be counselors, but could give the time for serving on the committee. If a men's group, such as the Brotherhood or a men's Bible class, promotes the chapter, it is well for the committee to come mostly from that group. This becomes then the connecting link between the chapter and the men's groups. The pastor, counselors, and young people's director are ex-officio members of the committee, and should attend all meetings of the committee. The chairman and the committee members should be elected by the church after recommendation by the fostering group. The committee should be elected for a term of one year.

#### C. How many should be on the committee?

The committee should be composed of either three or five members. Five is preferred because this more nearly assures at least three members available at any time.

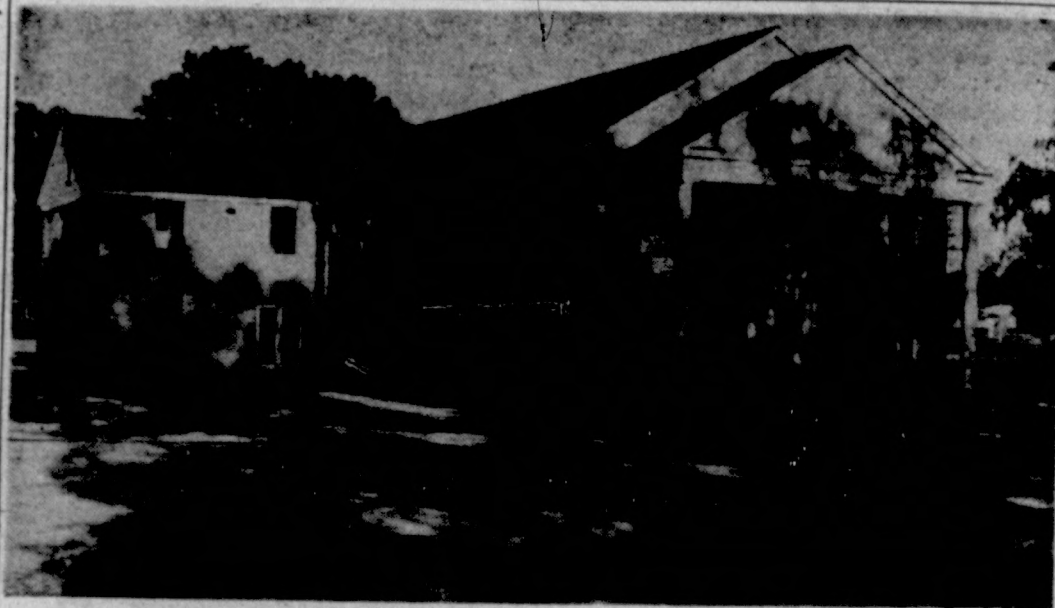
#### D. Duties of the Royal Ambassador Committee:

1. To serve on the Reviewing Council and examine the Royal Ambassadors who are ready to pass ranks
2. Along with the chapter members, help with the initiation of new boys.
3. See that the needs of the chapter are supplied. This includes physical equipment, such as meeting place, Ambassador Life subscriptions, manuals, camping equipment, awards, etc.
4. Be the connecting link between the chapter and the promoting group, making suggestions as to how it may help the chapter.
5. Help the promoting organizations secure counselors and serve as counselors if for any reason the chapter has none and until a regular counselor can be secured

#### E. Conducting a Committee Meeting.

The meeting of the Royal Ambassador Committee is presided over by the chairman. These meetings should be held quarterly and a special meeting may be called at any time by the chairman. The chairman will make a monthly report to the church in regular business sessions through the promoting organization.

The responsibility of seeing that the duties of the committee are carried out may be placed in the hands of several members with the understanding that all will help as needed. For instance, one might be vice chairman in charge of the Reviewing Council, another of finance, another of transporta-



Shown above is the recently completed church at McLain which has been erected at a cost of \$30,500. Rev. J. T. Tolar is the pastor.

### Edna Church Completes Improvement Program

The Edna Church of Marion Association is completing the improvement program which was begun in March of 1952.

The first committee, composed of John Starkey, chairman; Mrs. Ruth Ward; Mrs. Kirby Worthy; Bo Powell; Glen Powell; Warren Cook and Hosea Alexander helped in the following improvements. The foundation was reworked with cement blocks and pillars, cement steps to the Sunday School rooms, new flooring in the auditorium, floor waxed and varnished, new pews, two new heaters and three large fluorescent lights.

The second committee was composed of the following: Glen Powell, chairman; Leslie Alexander; Butler Cook, and Baxter White.

It helped in the following improvements: New pulpit stand and table, the front entrance to the church was reworked with a cement porch and steps being poured, Celotex was put on the ceiling and walls of the auditorium, and chairs were placed in the Beginner and Primary rooms, plywood wainscoting was put on the walls of the auditorium and varnished.

Plans are now being made to paint the church. Rev. Howard Scarborough is pastor. Mrs. Luther Horn, Jr., recently presented to the church venetian blinds for the auditorium.

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tion, another of equipment and awards with the chairman having general oversight of the entire program.

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### First Hattiesburg Observing Week Of Stewardship

First Church, Hattiesburg, is observing Stewardship Emphasis Week December 6-13. During this period the church is emphasizing a participation program, in which a goal of 1000 pledges has been set. The total budget for 1954 is \$125,000 which reflects an increase for denominational and mission causes as well as promotion of the local church program.

1954 has been designated as "The Year of Opportunity" at First Baptist Church. If the total goal is met the church will be able to reduce its current building debt

by forty percent. Members of the church contributed during the past year more than \$128,000.

Dr. John L. Hill, of Nashville, for many years Book Editor for the Baptist Sunday School Board, is the featured speaker, and Sunday, December 13, has been designated as Victory Day.

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## Mission Gifts Up In November

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP) — Mission gifts to Southern Baptist causes through the Cooperative Program for the month of November total \$386,699, Porter Routh, executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced. This brings the total for the year to \$8,989,055, an increase of .57 per cent, or \$632,596 over the same period last year.

Designated mission gifts received for the month amounted to \$103,880, which brings the year's total in designated contributions to \$5,575,732. This figure is 17.27 per cent higher than the same period last year.

The Foreign Mission Board received during the month of November through the Advance Program \$447,791 and the Home Board \$159,263 making a total of \$607,054. The first \$160,000 of the Advance Program went to the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky.

When compared with the same period last year, Florida, New Mexico, Tennessee, and Virginia are the only states not showing an increase in gifts.

## Bethesda Church Has Thanksgiving Revival

A Thanksgiving revival was held at Bethesda Church in Union Association November 25-29. The pastor, Rev. R. J. Sanderson, did the preaching and Johnny Goodwin of Mississippi College led the singing.

There were nine additions, four by baptism, and five by letter.

The church also voted to install a butane gas heating system and raised \$70 toward paying for the system.

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The last literary assignment of Dr. J. E. Dillard, who died on July 9, 1953, after 27 years' Baptist denominational service, was to write a series of messages for OPEN WINDOWS, Readers of OPEN WINDOWS, a devotional quarterly produced by Southern Baptists for Southern Baptists, will have the unique privilege of reading these fine messages from an outstanding Baptist leader as part of their private devotions for the opening days of the New Year.

The first issue of OPEN WINDOWS for 1954 should have a special appeal to all Southern Baptists who, if they are not already among its readers, are urged to become acquainted with its daily help for Bible study and prayer.

Donald F. Ackland, editor of OPEN WINDOWS, reports the quarterly circulation has topped the 300,000 mark in circulation for 1953.

## January Calendar Of Activities

418—Special Bible Study Week  
10-17—BSU Volunteer Service Week

11-15—Leadership Conferences & Brotherhood Rallies

17—BSU Summer Service Enrollment Day

17-22—W. M. S. Focus Week

18—Third term begins at Clarke College

18-20—State Evangelistic Conference First Church, Jackson

25—Third term at Mississippi College begins

25-16—Leadership Conferences & Brotherhood Rallies

26—Second Semester at Mississippi Woman's College begins

26—Second Semester at Blue Mountain begins

28-29—Leadership Conferences and Brotherhood Rallies.

According to the report of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Mississippi contributed a total of \$47,061 during the month of November for South-wide causes. Of this amount \$43,555 was for the Cooperative Program.

## Pastor Norris Leach In Progressive Program



REV. F. C. NORRIS

Bellevue Church, Lamar County, will observe its first anniversary Sunday December 13. On December 10, 1952, 37 people met and organized the church. At the first Sunday service there were 20 additions. There have been 64 additions to date. All the organizations were set up at the beginning and have grown consistently with the increased membership.

A beautiful site was purchased at the intersection of state highways 24 and 42, 8 miles west of Hattiesburg. It is the only church on highway 24 between Hattiesburg and Columbia, and is ideally located.

The first unit of the proposed building—the education unit which is being used as a temporary auditorium. Its estimated value is \$12,000, with only \$500 indebtedness.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held last week and plans are under way to begin immediate construction of a much needed pastorium.

The church has the "Every Family Plan" of the Baptist Record and the Cooperative Program is in our budget on the percentage basis. Rev. F. C. Norris is the pastor.

## HE LOST OUT

THE DOCTOR stopped reading his medical journal . . . HE LOST OUT.

THE TEACHER stopped reading his works on pedagogy . . . HE LOST OUT.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER stopped reading his lesson material . . . HE LOST OUT.

THE ELECTRICIAN stopped reading his journals on the science of electricity . . . HE LOST OUT.

THE BANKER stopped reading the latest and most improved methods of banking . . . HE LOST OUT.

THE FARMER stopped reading his agricultural journals . . . HE LOST OUT.

THE CHURCH MEMBER stopped reading his church paper . . . HE LOST OUT in his religious life, in his interest in the church, in his zeal for the spread of the Kingdom, and in his usefulness to his community in which he lived.

Selected. With apologies to The Methodist Advocate.

## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

### BROTHERHOOD GROWTH AND EXPENDITURES

	New Organiz'tns	Total	Budget
1945	54	54	\$7,500.00
1946	76	126	7,500.00
1947	50	176	7,500.00
1948	66	242	8,000.00
1949	72	314	10,000.00
1950	80	394	10,000.00
1951	75	469	11,540.00
1952	96	565	12,713.00
1953	83	648	14,525.00

(83 as of Oct. 31st)

Total organizations founded	648
Total organizations active	448
Total net gain	448
Net gain per year	56
Average enrollment per Brotherhood	25
Number men enrolled at present time	11,200

### LET'S ASSUME

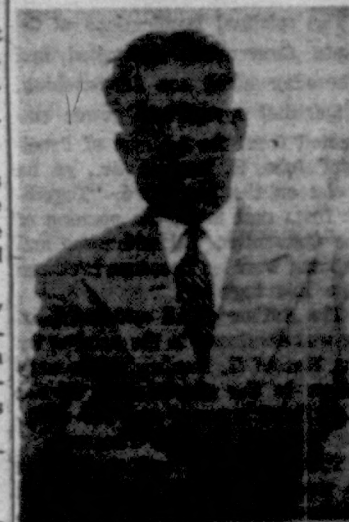
1. That an active Brotherhood member will give \$1.00 per month more than a man not enrolled.
2. That we have 11,200 members who would give:  
\$11,200 per month  
or  
\$134,400.00 per year

Total money allocated for Brotherhood work since 1945 . . . \$89,875.00

From an investment point of view, Mississippi Baptists received an unbelievable financial return on money spent in promoting the work among our men.

It is worthy of note that 64 of the 100 leading churches in per capita giving through the cooperative program have active Brotherhood organizations. 61 of the 100 churches leading in per capita total mission gifts have active Brotherhoods. These figures are of particular interest in view of the fact that only about one-fourth of our total churches have active Brotherhoods.

## Ordained To Ministry



REV. PHILOPI GOMEZ

Darlove Church, Washington county, has licensed Rev. Philipi Gomez to the Gospel Ministry. He is one of the Mexican men who has been of great assistance in the Mexican Mission work in Washington county. He will go to Florida to work among his own people during the winter.

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# OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

By AUNT POLLY

## A RICH TREASURE

All people love to hunt treasures, and boys and girls love to read stories concerning hidden treasures. Recently, with the help of a small group of young people, I made a list of all such stories that some of us had read and had to stop when 75 had been named. More could have been listed!

I know a treasure that is a priceless treasure, one that many people are seeking. Jesus was talking about such a treasure when he told some of His parables.

Jesus told to some of his followers a parable about a man who was working in a field when he found a rich and priceless treasure. Immediately the man wanted to keep it, but he had found it buried on another man's property and knew that he must take it to the owner of the land. He again buried the treasure, and hastened to sell all that he had in order to buy the land.

How wealthy and happy he was when he secured the treasure, for which he had given up everything else. When we find Christ, our great Treasure, we must be willing to give up everything for Him. We have read in recent years of missionaries who were killed by their enemies; certainly they proved that they loved the Lord enough to give their all.

Jesus also told a parable about a trader who sought the finest pearls. When he saw one that was beautiful, he would sell all his others to buy that one. Later another and more lovely one would come to his attention, and again he would trade for the better pearl. So it is with one who seeks happiness and peace. He turns from one thing to another until he finds Christ, for Christ makes us truly happy when we give him all that we have.

Having Christ as our savior is indeed a priceless treasure!

—BR—

Dear Aunt Polly:

Our Sunday school teacher, Mrs. J. H. Bunyard, took her 15 year old class to a small negro church on Clover Leaf Circle. We gave a short program on "Why and How We Should Tithe" and on Stewardship. The pastor of the church is R. T. McLaurin.

I think that the Negroes, as well as our class, received a great blessing from it.

The ones who participated in it were Mrs. Bunyard, Shirley Philips, Evelyn Sheppard, Pat McGraw, Barbara Powers and me.

Barbara Husbands, Southside Church, Jackson.

Dear Barbara:

Thank you for your letter. I am sure that you are right that your class also received a blessing in going.

We thank you for sharing this experience with us. I am especially glad to hear from someone from Southside Church. Your pastor, Rev. S. W. Valentine, is an outstanding leader.

I believe you are the first one

to write from a Jackson church!

AUNT POLLY.

(Letters to Aunt Polly should be sent to her in care of the Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson.)

—BR—



BILLY JOE PIERCE

Billy Joe Pierce was licensed at Holly Grove Church in Simpson County on November 29. He is the son of W. O. Pierce of Braxton. Billy is now a student at Clarke College. Rev. Robert F. Tucker is the pastor.

—BR—

## SOME VIEWS OF THE STATE CONVENTION

The spiritual implications of the State Convention, adjourned last Thursday night are far-reaching.

Spiritual appeal and power emanated from the address of President John E. Barnes, Jr., as he spoke on the key word, "Together from that hour, the opening of the Convention. All addresses and debates were as becomes brethren who are together.

The Author of all spiritual power was dominant in the sermon by Dr. Harold G. Basden, as he called us to the absoluteness of the Holy Spirit's power and His workings through Christ's witnesses.

There was spiritual motivation in promoting the enrolling of "A Mission More in '54." The ultimate goal is to win to Christ and His spiritual service.

The spiritual implications were crystallized or coined, in a unanimous vote to adopt the larger co-operative Program goal in history, \$1,500,000.00 That is \$300,000.00 beyond the goal for 1953. This is all the more a spiritual act of faith, when we look back at two years of drouth. But spiritual goals are not backward looking. The Convention looked ahead, undergirded by the greatest season of stewardship studies in our history, confident in the Holy Spirit's ability to achieve through God's people called Baptists.

Spiritual implications of an educational advantage for Baptists in South Mississippi marked the determined, though meager, majority to convert Woman's College to a co-educational, senior college. The spiritual goal is not merely a trained leadership, but, with that,

## Why A Southern Baptist Encyclopedia?

Not a few have asked why a Southern Baptist Encyclopedia?

Let it be said that an all-inclusive Baptist Encyclopedia is more desirable. The same can be said for an Encyclopedia of American Baptists. Then why not aim for the more desirable? The answer lies in these facts.

1. It is not practicable financially. The overhead editorial cost, plus the increased cost of publication, pushes the dollars necessary beyond the ability of any resources that might become available for such a venture. Further more, it should be remembered that many more people would purchase an encyclopedia of their own Convention than of all of them. There are two reasons for this: (1) Price; (2) They have more interest in their own.

2. It is possible to produce a Southern Baptist Encyclopedia in five years. It would take more than twice as long to produce one of larger coverage. The quickest way to develop a world Baptist Encyclopedia is for us to create a Southern Baptist Encyclopedia.

If we do this through the facilities of the Baptist World Alliance, other Baptist bodies could be enlisted to do what we will have done in twenty-five years in that way this can have grown into the larger work.

3. Those who are acquainted with the differences that are real within the life of our several Baptist bodies will quickly recognize the practical editorial problems that would be created by the more inclusive venture. Once each body has committed the facts of its life to a statement in an encyclopedic format, then the Baptists of the world will be at the point of beginning to understand each other.

4. Each major Baptist body can create its own encyclopedia. Each needs one. Each needs to state the facts of its own life objectively, articulately, adequately, and with excellent literary quality. We can. We sin against God and ourselves if we do not.

—BR—

Recently the First Church of Bossier, Louisiana celebrated its Golden Anniversary. Mississippi will be interested in knowing the pastor is Dr. W. L. Sewell, who went there from the pastorate of the Prentiss Church.

a trained fellowship, in the churches.

Spiritual intensity was felt as the Convention looked forward unitedly to the greatest evangelistic undertaking in history, the simultaneous revivals in all Southern Baptist churches and their missions in Panama, Cuba, U.S.A. and Alaska in March and April, 1955.

The dynamic, spiritual power was seen in a burst of glory in the climatic service when about 200 young people responded to Howard Butt's Spirit filled invitation in the closing moments of the Convention. Fifteen of these were accepting Christ. The others were rededications of life and answers to the divine call to full time work in the kingdom of God.—C.E. Wilbanks, Director of Evangelism.

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### 783 REGISTER FOR STATE CONVENTION

According to the number of registration cards filled in, there was a total of 783 to register for the recent State BSU Convention in Columbus as follows: Belhaven, 2; Blue Mountain, 108; Clarke Memorial, 55; Copiah-Lincoln, 14; Delta State, 18; East Central, 14; East Mississippi, 3; Hinds, 5; Holmes, 19; Itawamba, 20; Jones, 11; Mississippi College, 154; Mississippi Southern, 54; Mississippi State, 24; M. S. C. W., 105; Northwest, 7; Ole Miss, 31; Pearl River, 19; Perkinson, 8; Southwest, 5; Sunflower, 24; Woman's College, 44; Air Force Personnel, 6; Baptist Hospital Students, 2; High School Seniors, 12; Program Personnel, 13; Others, 6.



MRS. R. P. DARBY

Pictured above is Mrs. R. R. Darby, wife of the pastor of Perkinson Baptist Church, who has just recently assumed the work of full-time BSU Secretary for Perkinson Junior College.

Miss Darby succeeds Miss Jeanne Nelms who is attending Golden Gate Seminary. We heartily welcome Mrs. Darby to the work.

### MISCELLANEA

Many and favorable have been the comments on Youth Night of the Miss. Bapt. Conv., especially of "The Challenge of the Cross," presented by the Ole Miss BSU, Howard Butt's challenging message and the music under Messrs. McIntire and Moore and Miss Chisholm. We're thankful for the blessings of this service and, for that matter, of the whole Convention. We Miss. Baptists are fortunate to have Chester Quarles as our leader in all the Lord's work.

Student Night at Christmas comes Dec. 27th. Write us for suggestions if you haven't already received your.

State BSU Secretaries meet in Nashville Dec. 14-16. Please remember us prayerfully.

### CHARGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young

Called and accepted:

O. E. Coleman, Toltec, Carolina Assoc., from Causey Creek.

S. J. Meador, Shell Lake, Tri-County Assoc., Ark.

Kenneth Threet, Beck Spur, near Forest City, Ark.

William Carl Bird, Marion, from Hampton Both Tri-County Association, Ark.

Robert Bruce Oldman, Lexington, S. C. from Chaplaincy.

Malcolm A. Jones, Mt. Nebo, Roseland, La., from Jerusalem Church in La.

James Coles, DeRidder, La. (first) from First, Cooper Texas.

F. A. Simmons, Promised Land, Newelton, La.

B. B. Huckabay, First, Lordsburg, New Mexico from Mountainair, New Mexico.

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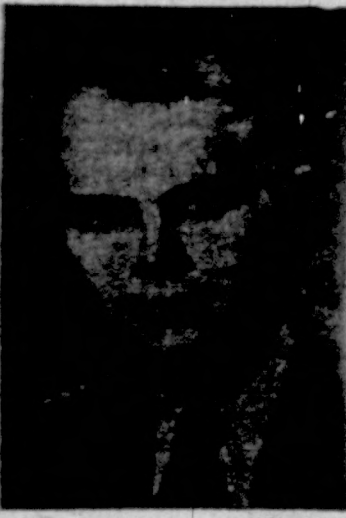
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## State Training Union Convention To Feature Southwide Workers



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You will be thrilled and inspired by the program which has been prepared for the State Training Union Convention which will meet on December 29, 1953 at First Baptist Church, Jackson. Miss Frances Whitworth, Director of Junior Work, Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board and Mr. Robert S. Cook, Director of Adult Work will have prominent places on the program and will speak on "Something To Think About" and "Something To Do". You will want to see them, hear them, and meet them.

The program is one of the best we have ever had and a real treat is in store for all church and Training Union members. Keep talking about this convention, announce it in general and department assemblies, get notices in your church bulletin and Training Union papers, announce it from the pulpit, announce it in the "M" Night meetings.

### STANDARD UNITS OF ORGANIZATION OCTOBER 1952 - JUNE 1953

The figure by the name of the unit designates the number of quarters the unit was standard.

**PIKE ASSOCIATION:** East McComb Church, Adult Unions: "Fellowship" No. 1, 3, Theo Holmes, Ralph Wilson, presidents; "Fellowship" No. 2, 3 Mrs. Ada Barron and Rev. J. A. Therrell, presidents; "Friendship" 2, D. V. Fenn, president; "Volunteers" 2, James Herrington and Mrs. Shelby Cotten, presidents; **ADULT DEPARTMENT,** 3, Mrs. Ray Andrews, Department Director. "Edwards" Young People's Union, 1, Betty Stovall, president; "Shepherd" Junior Union, 1, Mrs. Mary DeCoux, Leader. The Training Union was standard one quarter. Mr. Joe McCullough is Director.

**RANKIN ASSOCIATION:** Mountain Creek Church, Intermediate Union, 1, Mrs. T. W. Barron, Jr., Leader.

**JASPER ASSOCIATION:** Edon Church, Intermediate Union, 3, Mrs. W. E. Kelly, Leader.

**JEFF DAVIS:** Dublin Church, Beginner Department, 1, Mrs. Frank King, Department Leader.

**TALLAHATCHIE ASSOCIATION:** Tutwiler Church, Training Union, 1, Robert E. Smith, Director; "Bee Hive" Junior Union, 2, Mrs. J. Herbert, Leader; Intermediate Union, 1, Mrs. Lewis Kellum, Leader.

**ALCORN ASSOCIATION:** Tishomingo Chapel, Junior Union, 2, Mrs. E. E. Neill, president; Int. Union, 3, Levi Ayres, Leader; Young People's Union, 1, Charles Neill, president.

**LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION:** Oxford, First: "Friendly" Adult Union, 1, Mrs. Auber J. Wilds, President.

### TRAINING UNION BANQUET AT BATESVILLE

A Thanksgiving banquet with Dr. Clyde Martin of Senatobia as featured speaker, was planned for Training Union workers of First Baptist Church, Batesville on November 12. It was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Broom. Mr. Broome is the Training Union Director and Rev. Robert W. Martin is the pastor. Miss Blanche Wagner, church reporter, writes that the Thanksgiving spirit was in evidence in the beautiful decorations and the bountiful meal.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### West Kemper Is No. 1073

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome West Kemper Church on the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan. From now on the members of West Kemper Church are going to know what Baptist are doing at home and abroad.

Record readers in Kemper County are now listed as follows: BAY SPRINGS, 32; BLACKWATER, 24; Bluff Springs, 18; CENTER RIDGE, 25; Corinth, 2; DEKALB, 63; Liberty, 7; SALEM, 48; SCOOBA, 54; Wahalak, 13; WEST KEMPER, 23.

### Branch, Scott County

Recently we had the pleasure of having a part in the dedication day services of the Branch Church in Scott County. Rev. Homer Ainsworth is the pastor. The church is a joy and pleasure to behold. It is a sight for sore eyes.

Record readers in Scott County are now listed as follows: BETHLEHEM, 46; Branch, 42; Clifton, 2; Coopersville, 1; CASH 23; FOREST, FIRST 231 GOOD HOPE, 42; GROVETON, 20; HARPERVILLE, 67; HILLSBORO, 32; HOMEWOOD 25; HOPEWELL, 26; Lake, 18; LIBERTY, 36; LUDLOW, 79; MORTON, 188; New Home, 10; OAK GROVE, 18; PLEASANT RIDGE, 2; PULASKI, 24; RIDGE, 24; SAND RIDGE, 21; Springfield, 67; UNION 21, TWO MILE, 29; SALEM, 24.

### Round Up Time In Hinds County

Rev. Fred Tarpley and his co-workers staged Round-Up Time, otherwise known as a Leadership Banquet, at Parkway Church, November 13. Cowboy dress and cowboy terms were the order of the day. Many of those present were dressed in cowboy costumes and one of the loudest was the master of ceremonies, Rev. S. W. Valentine. He also knew a few cowboy terms.

The menu was also listed in strange terms. The main meat dish was listed as "Pavo" but it looked and tasted like turkey.

A large turn out of Hinds county leaders were present and if the enthusiasm shown at this meeting is an indication, Mission Superintendent Tarpley and Hinds county are going to have a great day.

Record readers in Hinds County are now listed as follows: BETHESDA, 52; BROWNSVILLE, 61; BOLTON, 31; BYRAM, 82; CHAPEL HILL, 36; CLINTON, 326; EDWARDS, 62; ELRAINE, 76; ALTA WOODS, 249; CALVARY 1475; DANIEL MEMORIAL, 619; CRESTWOOD, 265; EMMANUEL, 67; JACKSON, FIRST, 1340; GRIFFITH MEM., 218; NORTHSIDE, 392; PARKWAY, 869; ROBINSON STREET, 37; VAN WINKLE, 378; SOUTHSIDE, 320 WEST, 164; TEMPLE, 38; Learned, 12; RIDGECREST, 90; LEAVELL WOODS 38; MIDWAY, 65; Mt. Morgan, 8; WESTVIEW, 96; OLD BYRAM, 10; PALESTINE, 21; POCAHONTAS, 25; RAYMOND,

### Glen E. Ready Licensed



GLEN EARL READY

Glen Earl Ready was recently licensed to preach by the Riverside Church, Monticello. The charge was given by Rev. Joe Hudson, pastor of the Monticello church. Others having parts on the program were Rev. O. C. Chance and Rev. Arthur Culpepper, pastor of the Riverside Church.

He preached his first sermon on Church.

The license was presented to him by his mother, who is clerk of the church.

Mr. Ready left the next day for Germany, where he is serving in the armed service.

### UNION RIDGE PASTOR



JAMES E. WALKER

Rev. James E. Walker has resigned the pastorate of Bluff Springs Church in Kemper County and has accepted Union Ridge Church in Winston County. Mr. Walker is a student at Mississippi College.

In November the Baptist Record carried a list of 100 churches leading in per capita mission gifts and the 100 churches leading in per capita Cooperative Program gifts. Of course, there were several duplications. However, it is significant that of the 200 churches listed, all are Baptist Record churches except one, and that church has a good list, but not an EVERY FAMILY. The Baptist Record does help.

120; SALEM, 38; FOREST HILL, 80; TERRY, 116; UTICA, 84; NEW HAVEN, 23; CALVARY MISSION, 59; HIGHLAND, 83; BROAD-MOORE, 139.

## 50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

### 50 YEARS AGO—

The Baptist Church, Yazoo City, recently purchased the residence next to the church for a pastor's home, for \$2,150, and Pastor M. J. Derrick and family moved in.

The West Laurel Baptist Church was organized with Pastor J. L. Low of the First Church and Rev. O. D. Bowen constituting the presbytery. 65 persons were enrolled as charter members, and at the close of a revival meeting immediately following, 46 others had joined, including 15 for baptism. Rev. J. E. Phillips was called as first pastor. He comes from the Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

### 40 YEARS AGO—

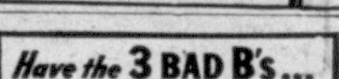
The Forty-First Ave. Church of Meridian closed a very successful revival meeting with 12 additions. Pastor W. E. Fendley was assisted by Rev. R. J. O'Bryen of Columbus.

### 25 YEARS AGO—

Under the leadership of Rev. D. Wade Smith the Ferds Creek Church, Pearl River county, was led to give up their connection with the "Gospel Missionaries" and join the Pearl River Baptist Association. They began a movement to build a new house of worship, and became the happy recipients of \$1400 worth of lumber from the Hugh White Lumber Co., of Columbia, for that purpose.

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## Sparks & Splinters

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the attractive 1953 minutes of the Calhoun County Association sent by the clerk, E. A. Dye.

D. A. "Jack" Thornton, 60, business manager of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, died early Sunday, November 29 in a Harlingen, Texas hospital.

Mr. Thornton became business manager of the Seminary in May, 1951. Prior to that he had served the institution as cashier for 32 years.

Many Mississippians will be interested to read of the recent dedication of the new church building in the city of Memphis.

Rev. Robert C. Cannon, pastor, is a Mississippian. The new church building is the colonial type and cost \$214,000. The old building is being remodelled and decorated as a modern educational building.

Dr. James Garvin Chastain, for thirty years a missionary to Mexico, will be a hundred years old on December 18. He is still comparatively well, being up and around the house for several hours each day. But he is now quite feeble. He makes his home with his son, Dr. Judson Chastain, Rich- ton. In observance of his birthday an informal "at home" will be held from 1 to 4 p. m. on Friday, Dec. 18th. No other invitation than this will be issued. His friends and kin will be welcome.

Rev. B. E. Sellers has accepted the pastorate of Union Church in Covington County. He has served as pastor of Antioch Church in Clarke County for the past 18 months, where they have recently completed and dedicated a new church building. Mr. Sellers was ordained on November 3, 1952 by the Rawls Springs Church.

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Recently Miss Pearl Caldwell was the guest speaker at Brooklyn Church. An offering of \$48.95 was made for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering at the close of her talk.

The Baptist Record is in receipt of a copy of the DeSoto County minutes. The printing job is excellent and the minutes are well prepared.

The clerk is Rev. Harold C. Clower.

There are two new Brotherhoods in Washington county: Second Church, LeLand and First, Hol- landale.

Oak Grove Church in Holmes County (Tolarville) is now having prayer meeting each Thursday night at 7:30. Rev. Vellie Scott is the pastor.

The Baptist Record appreciates the nice list of renewal subscriptions from Dry Creek Church in Simpson County. Rev. X. B. McAlpin is the pastor.

Feeling a need of developing the youth of our church in their spiritual life we plan a Week-End Youth Revival at the Skene Church December 11-13. The Youth team is composed of students from Mississippi College. Lewis Myers, Jr. of Skene will be the Evangelist; Pradley Pope of Brookhaven will lead the singing, and Miss Elizabeth Ann Adams of Calhoun City will be the pianist. We invite you to come worship with us as this group of outstanding young Christians leads us. Jesse L. Morgan is the pastor.

A good Mississippi pastor who recently went to another state writes as follows: "Please send me The Baptist Record for one year. I can't get along in this state without having the best Baptist paper in the South."

Spanish Fort Church in Sharkey County now has a well-rounded program. In addition to a Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood and W.M.U. with its several organization has been organized. Rev. Rudy Duit is the pastor.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of the minutes of the Tippah County association, which met at Tiplersville and Dumas Churches. The printers did a good job, and evidently the clerk, W. G. Clemmer, did a good job in producing the minutes. They are attractive.

The Baptist Record appreciates the nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from the Long Town Church. The list was sent by Mrs. Eugene Walters.

As an antidote to the commercialization and "getting attitude" of Christmas comes the challenge of Christ to give to His causes through His church for all the needs of people here and to the ends of the earth. God grant that you and I may cheerfully respond.

## Southwestern Seminary Inaugurates President

Dr. J. Howard Williams was inaugurated as president of Southwestern Seminary Ft. Worth, on Tuesday, November 24, in day long exercises.

The inaugural ceremonies opened in Truett auditorium at 10 o'clock, with addresses by Mayor Deen of Ft. Worth, Rev. L. D. Anderson and Rev. James N. Morgan of Ft. Worth, representing the ministerial association and the Baptist Association, Dr. Forrest C. Frezor, State Mission Secretary, Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, and Gov. Allen Shivers.

At 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening the exercises were opened within a colorful academic procession by representatives of 52 educational institutions and organizations, and addresses by Dr. E. C. Brown, Blytheville, Ark.; Dr. Roland Leavell, New Orleans; Dr. J. W. Storer, Tulsa, and Dr. Williams.

Dr. Williams succeeds Dr. E. D. Head, who resigned because of ill-health a few months ago.

Among Mississippians present for the exercises were Dr. C. L. Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Convention Board, and Editor Goodrich of the Baptist Record. Dr. Goodrich gave the invocation at the night session.

## TITHING LITERATURE AWARD ESTABLISHED

The Layman Tithing Foundation has voted to give an Annual Award to writers of Articles, Sermons or Pamphlets on the subject of Tithing. A cash award of \$50. will be given to the author of the piece of literature, written during 1953, receiving first place by the judges, and \$25. for the one receiving second place.

An inter-denominational committee has been chosen from the Board of Directors to have charge of the granting of the award. John E. Simpson, D. D., LL. D., Vice President of the Tithing Foundation and author of books on Stewardship, is chairman.

The Award Judges will be outstanding leaders in the field of Stewardship from the United States and Canada.

It is open to entrants from any part of the world. Rules governing the 1953 award may be secured from Layman Tithing Foundation, 8 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois. The Foundation was established by Mr. Thomas Kane, a Christian Industrialist, in 1917.

The Baptist Record appreciates a copy of "Edification" or "Building Better Christians" by Dr. W. Landon Miller. This is a booklet containing an address by Dr. Miller at the Texas Evangelistic Conference, which was held in San Antonio, Texas, last January. Mississippians will remember Dr. Miller as former pastor at Brookhaven.

The Baptist Record has a hearty "thank you" to H. A. Davis of the Lowland Church, Minter City. He recently sent a list of twenty-four new and renewal subscriptions.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of renewal subscriptions from the Deer Brook church, Noxubee county. The list was sent Harvey Haggard, treasurer.

## ITALIAN PROTESTANTS WIN COURT VICTORY


Rome (RNS)—Italy's Supreme Court rules here that police decrees dating back to Fascist days which restrict freedom of worship were "automatically abrogated" by adoption of the new Constitution in 1948 which contains religious freedom guarantees.

The decision was hailed by protestant leaders in Italy who had been seeking a definite ruling to prevent local police officials in various parts of the country from invoking the old regulations to prevent non-Catholic religious gatherings.

In handing down the ruling, the Supreme Court rejected an appeal by the State Prosecutor that it

overrule the decision of a provincial Appeals Court near Naples which had ordered the release of five Pentecostal ministers previously sentenced by a magistrate's court.

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The District of Columbia Baptist Convention is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its Executive Secretary, M. Chandler Stith. During these ten years, church membership has increased from 25,000 to more than 32,000; total gifts, from \$691,000 in 1943 to \$1,998,000 in 1953 per capita gifts from \$27.96 to \$72.20; property value, from \$3,821,000 to \$10,375,000. The Convention voted to send Dr. and Mrs. Stith to Europe and the Baptist World Alliance in 1955.



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## Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell  
For December 13

ONE HUMAN RACE  
Scripture Text, Act 10.

### I. SIMON PETER

1. By birth and breeding he was a Jew, and that means that he was deeply prejudiced against the members of all other races. He had been trained in these prejudices had been taught to believe that the shadow of a member of another race, falling upon him, made Simon, the Jew unclean. For Simon the Jew to enter the house occupied by a gentile (and a gentile was anybody not a Jew) was to defile himself. In the matter of eating, he must, as a Jew, be very careful not to touch or taste the flesh of an animal pronounced by his ceremonial law as unclean.

2. Peter the Christian had become such by acquaintance and association with Jesus, by imbibing of His Spirit, by taking upon him the yoke of Jesus and learning meekness and lowliness of Him, and by the consequent operation upon his heart of the life-giving Spirit of the living God by which Simon the Jew had become Peter the Christian through a new birth into the household of the Almighty. But this new birth did not at once purge Peter of all his breeding as a Jew. He had come a goodly distance, to be sure.

We find him in our lesson domiciled in the house of a tanner, and that was in violation of his Jewish breeding. The tanner was not allowed to build or buy a house within the Jewish city, but must be removed beyond its border, and the Simon whom Jesus changed would not have entered the house of Simon Tanner at all. But Peter the Christian had still his prejudice against all non-Jews, and the Lord knew that and that Peter must be purged of this prejudice before he could bear Christ's message to the fine Roman gentleman and his household at Caesarea by the sea.

### II. GOD'S PURGING PROCESS

God had heard the fervent prayer of a devout man who was striving in Caesarea by what light he had to find the way to God. God answered the prayer of this fine man by directing him to send for another man who would speak to him words by which he and all his might be saved. And this Roman army officer and fine gentleman, Cornelius, dispatched three of his company to Joppa to lead the promised preacher home to Cornelius' house in Caesarea.

And while the messengers and guides from Cornelius were approaching the house in which Peter was staying, the Lord put the finishing touches to Peter's preparation for the work to which his Lord had assigned him. So we have the story of Peter's hunger, his sleep of weariness, his vision of a great sheet let down by the four corners and full of all sorts of fowl and creeping creatures and four-footed animals, of a voice that commanded him to stand up butcher some of the animals in the sheet and make himself a meal

of their flesh. At this point came Peter's vehement reply, "Never! I never have eaten any ceremonially unclean meat, and I'll go hungry till Christmas before I'll eat one morsel of it!" Then the heavenly voice made answer, "When God has made anything clean, you shall not presume to call it common or unclean." Three times the scene was acted over, then Peter came fully awake and got wondering what the vision meant.

While he was thus engaged, the voice came to him again, "See, three men are looking for you, men whom I have sent to fetch you. You get up and go down and go with them; for I have sent them." That was enough for Peter. He was ready now to do God's bidding in this matter. So he invited the men to spend the night with him and then he went with them to Caesarea to preach the first gospel sermon ever preached to a gentile congregation. Here the rivers of God's saving grace overflow their ancient racial beds and begin their glorious watering of the wide desert wastes of the parched and barren world.

### III. THE MEETING THE MESSENGER THE MASTER

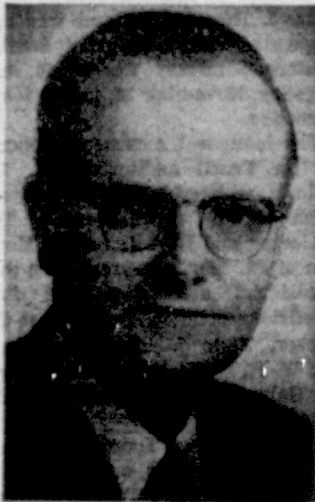
1. The meeting was of Cornelius and his household, a numerous company, half-a-hundred, and likely more. He company had met at Cornelius' invitation, eager to meet and hear the man who was to tell them the way of life in Christ Jesus. They had met on serious business, a business which concerned their eternal welfare, which might well fix their destiny. The personality of Cornelius dominated the gathering, hence you may be very sure that the spirit of the meeting was reverent, worshipful, hopeful of unimagined blessings. The providences of God had shepherded them together and they were subdued in heart.

2. At the height of this spiritual tide Peter and his companions arrived. What must have been the feelings of the Roman Man as he reached the house of Cornelius and found awaiting him this eager, expectant throng! Did he not realize that the errand upon which he had come from Joppa was the very business of the King of Kings? and that he now had to speak for his Master a message that well might determine the destiny of these people not only, but of many times this number who might learn of the Lord through this day's doings? Weighted with the grave responsibility of this hour, I think we may be very sure that the preacher faced this task with grave and reverent earnestness.

May the Master give our S. S. Teachers and all our preachers a conviction of the seriousness of the business to which he has consecrated them!

3. The Master! This great work was all His. He had spoken to Cornelius to guide him in his earnest search for the light of life. He leads all men everywhere and in every case where one of them gropes Godward in his search for the truth in its purity. The Lord will heed the heart-cry of any of any tribe or tongue or nation who will seek the Lord while He may be found. The Lord used Cornelius to bring the congregation together.

## Tarpley Accepts Ridgecrest Pulpit



REV. FRED TARPLEY

Rev. Fred Tarpley, for fifteen months superintendent of missions for the Hinds County Association, Sunday accepted a call from the congregation of Ridgecrest Chapel to become its pastor when it has been constituted as Ridgecrest Baptist Church on Dec. 20. Rev. Tarpley has been supply pastor of the new congregation for the past several months.

Under Rev. Tarpley's leadership the 27,000 Baptists in Hinds county in their 38 congregations have launched a full program of Associated Missions. The Highland and Broadmoor churches have been constituted and Ridgecrest mission will be constituted on Dec. 20. A colored kindergarten enroll-

ing 78 children is in operation on North Farish St. Last summer five tent revivals were held. During the fire year the Superintendent was in the field he spoke 370 times.

It is ever thus in the course of the progress of His truth. He uses men to Him, and you will be reminded at once of Andrew, who left him for a while to go and bring his own brother Simon to the new-found Lord. By the same method He leads men to Himself now.

And Peter! But of course! He never would have found Cornelius had it not been for the Lord. Nay, Peter would not have been fit to find Cornelius but that he had been prepared with a special preparation for this meeting in the city by the sea. And as he entered the house where the congregation was assembled, it was the Lord who stood by him and gave him the words of his message, and it was the Lord who took complete charge of the meeting when the people were prepared for the tidal inflow of the Holy Spirit.

In this transaction we see the result of the operation of the forces which bring fruit in all evangelistic. What occurred here came as a result of the presence of an eager, reverent, willing congregation, brought together to hear a message from the Lord, brought together by the example and influence of a good man striving to find the will of God and willing to do that will. And a preacher made willing by his love for his Lord to obey the will of his Lord for His preacher and the ever-present Lord Himself, guiding, girding, teaching through His faithful witness the minds of men to grasp the truth, the hearts of men to love the truth, the wills of men to do the truth.

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Rev. Tarpley's resignation has been accepted effective January 1, however the Ridgecrest congregation has agreed for him to continue as Association leader until April 1, provided a new leader is not secured sooner. A committee consisting of Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes and Grady Smith has been selected to secure a successor to Rev. Tarpley.

The congregation to which Rev. Tarpley is going as pastor is located in North Jackson. Ridgecrest Baptist Chapel began April 1, 1953 as a mission of First Church of Jackson, under the Hinds County Baptist mission program. In eight months, 213 people have united with the congregation. The Sunday School has enrolled 316 and the Training Union 140. A full graded W.M.U. has been organized for the women and Young People and a Brotherhood for the men.

On Aug. 1 construction began on the first unit of the permanent building that is expected to be ready for use about Feb. 1. A baby bungalow, comprising four nursery departments and designed to take care of 80 babies, has just been completed and will be in use for the first time next Sunday.

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Send the names and addresses of Southern Baptists living in Kenosha, Wisconsin; Evanston, Illinois; Cicero, Illinois; and Chicago, Illinois, to the Pioneer Missionary, Rev. Harold E. Cameron, 273 S. Alfred Street, Elgin, Illinois.

### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

December 14—Dan R. McGehee, Meadville, Baptist Foundation trustee; J. F. Brantley, Forest, Baptist Hospital trustee.

December 15—Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, Winona, Mississippi College trustee; W. L. Stagg, Moss Point, Woman's College trustee.

December 16—Rev. Russell McIntyre, Clinton, Bear of Ministerial Education; Horace Headrick, Laurel, Clarke College trustee.

December 17—H. A. Merritt, Benton, Baptist Orphanage trustee; Bennie Keating, Panola County Sunday School superintendent.

December 18—M. P. Moore, Senatobia, Baptist Memorial Hospital trustee; Lewis Jayroe, Sunflower Associational Brotherhood president.

December 19—Dr. Frank Davis, Corinth, Blue Mountain College trustee; Malcolm Carter, Union County Training Union director.

December 20—Zeno Wells, Jackson County Convention Board member.

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# AT THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE CHRISTMAS

As you make plans for your own children or the children in your Sunday School for Christmas, perhaps you would like to include one or more or a group of children in YOUR OWN BAPTIST ORPHANAGE. For your convenience we are listing the names, sex, and ages of the children. With deep appreciation for the children, and thanks for your kindness to them, I am,

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Jim Young
- 4 Year Old Boys:**  
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- 6 Year Old Boys:**  
Raymond Smith, Darryl Grantham, Thomas Jones, Dwight Morris, Mike Moore
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Beverly Chambers, Barbara Fowler, Ruth Hawkins, Patricia Mason, Doris Morris,
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Carol Ann Breeden, Mable Bates Diana Dykes, Shirley Gilbert, Mattie Lou Harper, Alice Faye Lovett, Patty Shaffer, Eddie Smith, Sherry Chambers,
- 8 Year Old Boys:**  
Ernest Drewery, Elmer Hawkins, Wesley Plate,
- 8 Year Old Girls:**  
Ann Brewer, Marie Dykes, Dove Hankins, Hilda Faye Harper, Doris Laughry, Mary Ann Masson, Shirley Smith, Helen Spencer, Glynda McGehee, Barbara Ryals.
- 9 Year Old Boys:**  
James Chandler, Ralph Gilbert, Pee Wee Grantham, J. L. Harper, Dick Lindsey, Dwight Moore, Richard Rape, Johnny Smith.
- 9 Year Old Girls:**  
Lynda Fowler, Mary Lovett, Patsey Ann Martin, Karen Morris, Diane Smith, Louise D'Herde, Deanna Smith, Joyce Gibbs, Helen Hawkins, Susie Young.
- 10 Year Old Boys:**  
Leon Bishop, Otto Gill, Charles Frederick Jones, Jimmy Chandler, Jimmy Pittingers, Billy Ryals, Carl Henry Sullivan, Guy Young.
- 10 Year Old Girls:**  
Grace Bates, Dorothy Breeden, Linda Faye Brewer, Mary Ethel Deas, Marie D'Herde, Barbara Drewery, Dorothy Dykes, Barbara Hankins, Bessie Jones, Carol Faye Morris.
- 11 Year Old Boys:**  
Paul Chandler, Bobby Harper, Dallas Martin, Billy McGehee, Jimmy Shaffer, Wendall Smith, Joe Smith.
- 11 Year Old Girls:**

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. Robert F. Tucker, Jackson, and Robert Dale Tucker; O. Theron Poole, Dossville, Mrs. H. D. Polk, Jackson; Owen Cooper, Yazoo City; Charlie Bryant, Hickory Flat; Mrs. C. C. Rogers, Collins; Dr. C. C. Stacy, Water Valley.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist building were: Ellis Syler, Jackson; A. G. Graham, Guntown; T. E. Fant, Laurel; C. L. Bryant, Hickory Flat; N. R. Paschal, Grenada; Rev. G. O. Parker, Magee; J. E. Willis, Newton; B. W. Jones, Oxford; L. L. George, Mantee; Kayward Moore, Booneville; J. Wesley Miller, Rolling Fork; George Edens, Pontotoc, Dr. G. W. Land, Louin.

Sue Harrington, Mellie Marie Hesler, Sybil Jones, Mary Ann Morris, Billy Pylate, Mary Rape.

**12 Year Old Boys:**  
Ray Otis Bates, Alton Brewer, Ray Howard Bishop, Bobby D'Herde, James Hancock, Paul Hankins, Carlton Lovett.

**12 Year Old Girls:**  
Mary Drewery, Brenda Gilbert, Mary Sue Gill, Margie Nell Lee, Lenna Morris, Ann Pittinger, Frances Ryals, Patsy Gail Hesler, Patsy Moore,

**13 Year Old Boys:**  
Robert Acker, Frank Andrews, Sherron Lee, Jerry Lovett, William Lindsey, James Morris, Durwood Overby, Jack Smith, Walter Smith, Kellon Sullivan.

**13 Year Old Girls:**  
Doris Hawkins, Barbara Jones,

**14 Year Old Boys:**  
Jimmy Brewer, Sherman Rape,

**14 Year Old Girls:**  
Helen Gill, Mary Alice Hawkins, Carol Jean Bates,

**15 Year Old Boys:**  
Joe Acker, Preston Smith, Chas. Pittinger,

**15 Year Old Girls:**  
Laverne Brewer, Ruby Hawkins, Dixie Nell Penton, Patsy Hankins, Patsy Smith, Edna Stacey, Carolyn Strahan.

**16 Year Old Girls:**  
Charlene Bridges.

**17 Year Old Girls:**  
Lillian Buchanan, Linda Vinzant, Audrey Westrope.

**18 Year Old Boys:**  
Joe Rustin

**18 Year Old Girls:**  
Bessie Lee Bates, Alene Bridges

Nadine Bryan,

**19 Year Old Boys:**  
Melvin Oglesby.

**19 Year Old Girl:**  
Joyce Simpson (Blue Mountain College) Sophomore.

**21 Year Old Girl:**  
Nina Jean Oglesby (Senior Blue Mountain College)

(ADV.)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

Petal-Harvey	341	157
Main	321	
Harvey Mission	20	
Laurel, First	602	177
Laurel, Hillcrest	56	56
Laurel, Second Ave.	461	125
West Laurel	453	182
Poplar Spgs. Drive	348	126
Jackson:		
Highland	141	90
West Jackson	277	119
Van Winkle	497	281
Daniel Memorial	644	284
Northside	542	124
Crestwood	596	428
Parkway	1090	552
Calvary	1559	501
Main	1491	459
Mission	68	42
Southside	392	187
Robinson St.	209	
First	1712	691
Main	1510	590
Ridgecrest	202	101
Morton	348	155
Main	322	
Mission	26	
Hickory Flat	208	103
Yazoo City, First	465	169
Bay St. Louis, First	128	61
Clarksdale	363	61
McComb, Friendship	223	103
Darling	76	67
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn Co.)	131	157
Brookhaven	793	315
Main	681	241
Southway	71	52
Malbert Heights	41	22
Beulah (Brownsville)	73	80
Pascagoula, First	875	335
Main	701	242
Jackson Ave. Chapel	50	46
McArthur Chapel	78	27
Orange Grove Chapel	46	20
Lula	83	42
Hazlehurst	297	93
Columbus, Southside	157	83
Main	142	
Mission	15	
Mantee	151	52
Ruleville	217	66
Mission	25	35
Marks, First	211	80
Crowder	185	90
Oral (Lamar Co.)	103	71
Canton, Center Terrace	311	184
Laurel, Harmony	145	87
Laurel, Wildwood	167	64
Gulfport, New Hope	105	26
Houlka	93	35
Siloam (Simpson Co.)	37	21
Gaston (Prentiss Co.)	84	83
Calvary (Amite Co.)	53	54
West Point, First	543	210
Wayside (Yalobusha Co.)	66	
New Prospect (Lincoln Co.)	158	115
Nola (Lawrence Co.)	62	55
Sharon, First (Jones Co.)	133	104
Corinth, Tate St.	312	100
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	216	65
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	101	61
Concord (Choctaw Co.)	105	97

Hernando, First	156	92
Shiloh (Marion Co.)	73	77
Laurel, Joe Wheeler	54	40
Laurel, Highland	202	98
West Point, Calvary	207	129
Columbus, East End	229	111
New Hope (Marion Co.)	211	147
Meridian, Southside	449	179
Drew	236	68
Hattiesburg, Main	1032	343
Longview (Oktibbeha Co.)	77	84
Grenada, Emmanuel	283	118
Grenada, First	662	167
Kosciusko, First	703	256
McComb, Locust St.	96	59
Picayune, First	587	220
Yazoo City, Calvary	236	186
Union Chapel (Chickasaw Co.)	73	59
Calhoun City, First	350	136
Pelahatchie	167	74
Harrisburg, Tupelo	541	265
New Albany, First	624	180
Mission	37	
Greenwood, Calvary	417	179
Glenfield (nUnion Co.)	84	107
Union (Alcorn Co.)	88	86
Chester (Choctaw Co.)	70	52
Gulfport, First	931	325
Meridian, 15th Ave.	587	205
Hattiesburg, Temple	579	196
Brooklyn	124	107
Biloxi, Trinity	167	71
Long Beach	285	157
Main	247	
29th Street	38	
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	152	101
Crystal Springs, First	688	192
Purvis, First	228	94
Taylorville	180	107
Newton	526	240
Skene	101	59
North Oxford	114	108
Cleveland	532	170
Aberdeen	387	119
Lucedale	400	165
Charleston	398	152

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Murphy Creek	114	98
Lucedale	370	142
Charleston, First	356	127
Cleveland, First	417	159
Oxford, First	313	100
Aberdeen, First	340	131
East End	229	109
Brooklyn (Forrest Co.)	103	106
Mantee	119	50
Union Chapel (Chickasaw Co.)	76	73
Philadelphia, First	355	110
Meridian, Oakland Hgts.	187	77
Ruleville	211	62
Mission	28	35
Meridian, 15th Ave.	506	232
Lula	93	59
Crowder	186	80
Laurel, Harmony	116	76
Nola (Lawrence Co.)	40	40

Rev. Vernon May, pastor of Tylertown Church, will be the visiting evangelist during the Christmas revival Dec. 28-Jan. 1, at the Darlove Church. Hugh Collins will have charge of the music. Rev. R. A. Langley is pastor.

## Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wernall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

### SUICIDES

Question: What consolation can you give the loved ones of those who take their own lives? Are there any scriptures for this? Are they saved?

Answer: Many people in our society are faced with your problem. Every year in the United States between 15,000 and 20,000 people commit suicide—this is more than the number of homicides. Suicide ranks ninth among the causes of death. Many of these are professing Christians, and some are even church leaders. This tragedy is not rare.

Yes, I can give you some consolation. There is the same consolation that there is for the loved ones of any other deceased person. If a person is a Christian, he goes to be with the Saviour when he dies. His sins are under the blood. He is saved by grace through faith, not by works.

Scriptures Yes, many of them. Start with John 3:16. I John 1:1 says that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin. Jesus himself promised that those who believe in Him possess eternal life and shall not come into condemnation (John 5:24; 10:27-30). If we take Christ at his word we must believe in the security of the true believers.

Now some will say that if a person takes his own life, he is not a true believer. Who can say that? How can we say that this sin is greater than another? Many people who destroy themselves are mentally ill, therefore not morally responsible. In that case there is no sin at all.

The idea that suicides go to hell is a Roman Catholic doctrine, not a New Testament teaching. Catholics say that suicide is a "mortal" sin for which could not have been forgiven because the person dies before the last saving rites could have been administered. Others think that the person could not have been saved because that sin could not have been confessed to God. The Bible knows nothing of these human theories.

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## Home Mission Board Study Books Released

Witnessing to our neighbors of many tongues is the title of the 1954 Grade I Series of Home Mission studies in January and February. Each book is well suited to the age specified and is priced at fifty cents.

In Evangeline's County by John Caylor, is a romantic story of Baptist mission work among the French-speaking people in Louisiana. Adults will be thrilled with this history and account of the present status of these people.

Lloyd Corder has written The New Orleans Story for young people. Accounts are given of institutions and mission services.

The Baptist International Center in Berkeley, Calif., is presented in the book for Intermediates by Harold Dye entitled The World In Her Hands. This institution ministers to people from 55 countries.

Chatting with the Chews by Marie Addler Eudaly depicts the work among the Chinese-Americans in El Paso for the Juniors. The Primaries will be intrigued with The Little Boat Family by Jane Carroll McRae. The family of five in the story live in a boat house, and many pictures are included of interest to little ones.

Teachers of all these books can well use the resource book which contains lesson plans, teaching helps and source material. Its title is Our Neighbors of Many Tongues. The series is published by the Home Mission Board and may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.

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The difference between the Spirit-filled life, and the life that is not filled with the Spirit is the difference between life abandoned wholly to the will of God, and a life that wants to have its own way and please God too. Abandonment is that of which it is most easy to speak, and yet it is the one thing from which all men shrink. Men are quite prepared to sign pledges, to do any amount of work, even to sign cheques or give money, if only God will let them have their own way somewhere in their life. If He will not press this business of abandonment, if He will not bring them to the Cross, they will do anything; but they draw back from the place of death.

Yet it is only in that place that the Holy Spirit is able to flow out into every part of the life and energize it, until in all conduct Jesus is crowned Lord, and the fruit of the Spirit is manifest in character. Nothing can take the place of abandonment. Some there are who attempt to put prayer where God has put abandonment. Others profess to be waiting until God is willing to fill them. Both are wrong! While they think they are waiting for God, the fact is God is waiting for them. At any moment, if they yield to the Spirit, He will sweep through every gate and avenue and into every corner of the life.

—G. Campbell Morgan in THE SPIRIT OF GOD (Fleming H. Revell Company).

## Trinity Church, Biloxi Has Marvelous Growth

BY REV. J. HOFFMAN HARRIS  
Dear Dr. Quarles:

Trinity Baptist Church was organized July 20, 1952, as a product of Gulf Coast Baptist Associational Mission Organization with First Baptist Church of Biloxi loaning me to develop the work. The Association bought three lots in the Greater Biloxi Subdivision in 1951 for the purpose of establishing a mission.

I came as an Assistant Pastor to the First Baptist Church in 1950, and was deeply interested in doing mission work; I must admit that I allowed myself to become overburdened with other activities and had little time for actual mission development. A census was taken of the area in which the church is now situated. It was found that there were over 700 families who did not attend any church within a mile and a half radius.

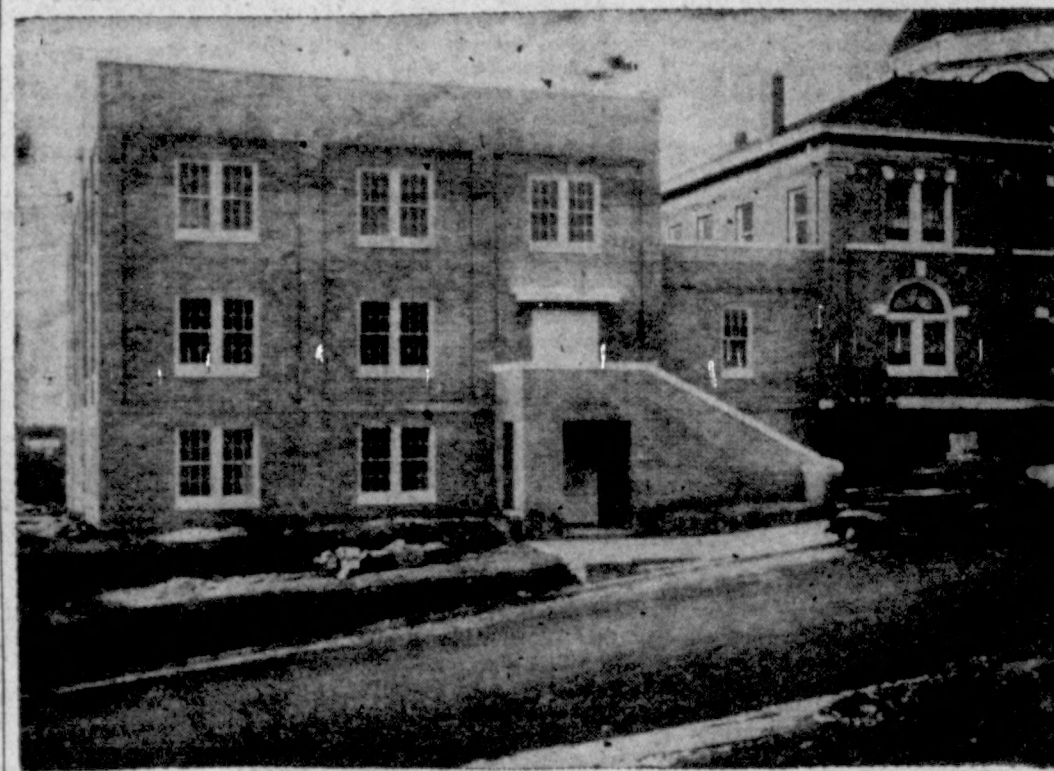
In September, 1951, a mission Sunday School was begun in the Robert McDaniel home. They met in that home for a few weeks and then moved into the home of C. E. Ashcraft, where we met for four months. On January 1952, the mission Sunday School held its first meeting at the first unit of our present building. It was very crude—we had no furnishings except a portable organ and a few old chairs and benches. The windows were not complete and the roof was not at all secure.

We had never had more than 23 persons in attendance at the Sunday School while we met in the home, but the first Sundays we met in the crude shell of our first unit there were 53 present. We continued to grow thereafter and the mission requested that I preach not only on Sunday morning, but on Sunday night as well. A Missionary Society was already established and had about thirty ladies enrolled; a large percentage of these ladies were not Baptists but members of the community.

In March, 1952, the Finance Committee of the mission asked the Finance Committee of First Baptist Church to help them propose a budget for the mission. With an enthusiastic spirit but with some hesitation they proposed a \$500 per month budget. Many did not see how we could possibly meet that much, but the first month our offerings amounted to more than \$625. All I was doing was preaching, for I had many responsibilities at First Church and could not give any time to visitation and other work that is so necessary in such a new movement. In this first budget the mission assumed \$50 of my monthly salary at the First Church and \$50 month on the indebtedness which the Association incurred by the purchase of the property.

As we grew we realized that a church was necessary and a full-time pastor was definitely needed. At about this time I had felt that the Lord had led me to resign as Assistant Pastor of First Church to accept the pastorate of a church in North Mississippi. I knew that the mission needed a pastor whom they could call their own, but I felt that perhaps the

## First, Church, Pontotoc Occupies New Building



PONTOTOC, Dec. 7—Opening of the new \$60,000 annex to the First Baptist Church was held with special services here Sunday.

Dr. Chester Quarles, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was guest speaker at the 11 o'clock morning worship service. Immediately following, members and friends enjoyed dinner in the modern dining hall of the new structure.

Classes, Beginner through Intermediate Age, occupied the next annex for the first time at the Sunday School hour. O. T. Ray is general superintendent and James C. Monroe pastor.

Located on the lot just south of the church, the three-story structure is modern in every detail. The basement houses a modern kitchen, dining and recreational hall, Sunday School rooms and a nursery. The second floor has two assembly halls, ten Sunday School rooms, a church office and a storage room. The top-floor has fifteen Sunday School rooms and two assembly halls.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the annex were held late in April with construction work beginning in May. No contract was let on the building, with all the work being done locally.

Cash contributions, announced Sunday, total \$51,739.37 toward the \$60,000 goal. The recent fifth Sunday building fund offering amounted to \$1,852.47.

best they could do would be to get a Seminary Student who could give his full week-ends to the work. Because of the transient membership of the mission, I was not too certain that they could support a pastor with a family and do the necessary building, etc. I must admit that some of our people had a vision perhaps much greater than mine.

They urged me to stay and I agreed that God would provide if we were in the center of His Will, so with somewhat great embarrassment, I wrote the church in North Mississippi and told them that I could not accept the work there and was going to accept the work of this new mission which was organized into a church in July 1952.

The church was organized with 54 members, and they rented a house in the community for the pastor's home. We began the work full-time ten days after organization, on August 1. We increased in membership right along, not doing anything that was spectacular but steadily receiving people into the church, most of these being adults. The first unit was improved and another unit was prepared for additional space. When the mission was organized into the church, the church assumed the full monthly notes of \$158.

In October, 1952, the church adopted a budget of \$17,500 for our first year. To almost everyone's surprise, but with deep thanksgiving, we exceeded it by \$4,000.

Our associational letter revealed that our Sunday School which began with five in September, 1951, had an enrollment of 280 in October, 1953. The Training Union which was organized shortly after the organization of the church, had an enrollment of 92, and the Woman's Missionary Society had a total enrollment of 77. We had a grand total of 189 members with a Brotherhood enrollment of 30, and total gifts for missions of \$1,568. Our property an building was valued at more than \$16,000.

In April, 1953, another unit was added which is now being used as a Sanctuary, at a cost of \$8,000. A new organ was purchased and were made. In July the indebtedness was paid in full and the title of the property was transferred from the Association to the Trinity Baptist Church.

A budget of \$30,000 was enthusiastically adopted for this year, with \$3,000 going to the Cooperative Program and \$1,500 going to Associational Missions, plus \$250 for Clarke College and \$120 for the BSU Work at Perkinson. We now have 200 members. A church secretary has been employed and plans are now to broadcast our Sunday Evening worship services on a local radio station.

Last year we also licensed two men to preach, both of whom are very active in the work. Another man has plans to enter the Seminary next year to study Religious Education.

**PLAYS AND PAGEANTS FOR MANY OCCASIONS** by Ernest K. Emurean may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store or from W. A. Wilde Company, Boston, Massachusetts for \$2.50. This is a book of "one, two and three-act non-royalty plays, that can be presented in whole or in part, ideal for Church and School. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE dramatizes the origin of the American and Christian flags and the pledges of allegiance to each. THANKSGIVING THROUGH THE AGES portrays historic scenes of Thanksgiving, including Abraham Lincoln's first national proclamation. The story behind 'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS and fascinating legends of the Christmas traditions are ideal for the Advent season. For Mother's Day, Great Women of History is instructive and inspiring. THE RESURRECTION depicts the events of Easter in pantomime against a background of Scripture and choral music. Incidents which led to the writing of AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL, DIXIE, and THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC complete the volume."

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The Baptist Record has received a copy of the minutes of the Greene County Association which met at Antioch Church. The next meeting will be at Pleasant Hill Church on October 21. The minutes are well prepared and attractively presented. Douglas W. Daughdrill is the moderator, Rev. James Dunnam, vice-moderator and Joe Walley is the treasurer.

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